

TO CAPITALISTS AND MANUFACTURERS.

With a view to the more convenient and extensive use of the unlimited water power at the Falls of Niagara, the subscriber has located a large raceway, to serve also as a navigable canal; commencing at a point on the shore of the river where the water is deep and navigable, above the great Falls, and terminating on the high bank about half a mile below. This canal, about three-fourths of a mile in length, has been surveyed, and levels taken by an experienced Engineer, who estimates the whole cost of the canal, with its appurtenances, of sufficient capacity to afford water power for at least sixty run of mill stone, within the sum of Thirty thousand dollars.

The front along the bank of the river near the lower termination of the canal, extending about three thousand feet, (now unoccupied,) can be most conveniently supplied with water from the canal, and is adapted to the building of large establishments, on a foundation of solid rock, and with any required head and fall.

The quantity of water that may be used can only be limited by the size of the canal, which may be enlarged to any extent, at an expense some what less in proportion than the cost of the one now proposed.

The Niagara river, the inexhaustable source, is unaffected by floods or droughts, and at the point where the canal is supplied, will be entirely free from obstruction by ice.

The subscriber now offers to sell the right of constructing and using such a canal, and so much land as may be desired, from twenty to one hundred acres at the lower termination thereof, to any person or persons who will undertake its immediate construction. Or he will sell a less interest, retaining a part, and contributing to the improvement.

Further description of the project is not deemed necessary, but any desired information will be promptly communicated; and reference is made to WILLIAM A. BIRD, Esq. of Black Rock, and PETER ENSLIE, Esq. Civil Engineer, Buffalo.

AUGUSTUS PORTER.

Niagara Falls, January, 1847.

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MAP of NIAGARA FALLS AND VILLAGE.

Showing the location of the proposed Hydraulic Canal and Reservoir.

By E. Emshie,
Civil Engineer.

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Scale: 15 Chains to Inch.

Link of Wells-McNary Bridge.

